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## High Expectations for 2007 Wheat Crop

Wheat production in Delaware and Maryland is expected to increase this year. According to the April 30, 2007 crop progress report, wheat was rated in mostly good condition.

**Maryland:** Wheat production is expected to total 11,550,000 bushels, due to the increase in acres harvested and high yield. Producers expect to harvest 175,000 acres of wheat from the 225,000 acres planted, with an expected yield of 66 bushels per acre. Yield for wheat is expected to be down from last year's yield of 68 bushels per acre, although still above the five-year average of 59 bushels per acre. Harvested acres have increased from last year as more farmers are enrolling in the Maryland Cover Crop program for small grains.

**Delaware:** Wheat production is expected to total 4,015,000 bushels this year. This is a result of increase wheat acreage planted as well as higher expected yields. Yield for wheat is expected to be 73 bushels per acre this year, compared to 67 bushels per acre in 2006, and above the five-year average of 61 bushels per acre. Of the 57,000 acres planted, farmers expect to harvest 55,000 acres, as compared with 45,000 acres harvested in 2006.

**United States:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain totals 37.2 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from the previous year.

**ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2006 AND 2007**

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2006	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Maryland		1,000 Acres				1,000			
Corn	ACR	490	550	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	425	----	142	----	60,350	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	17	----	1,020	----
Soybeans	BU	470	430	465	----	34	----	15,810	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	210	225	125	175	68	66	8,500	11,550
Barley	BU	50	51	32	----	87	----	2,784	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	205	210	2.78	----	569	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	40	----	3.90	----	156	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	165	----	2.50	----	413	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	38,000	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.8	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.0	----	2.9	----	320	----	928	----
Delaware									
Corn	ACR	170	185	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	161	----	145	----	23,345	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	8	----	20	----	160	----
Soybeans	BU	180	160	177	----	31	----	5,487	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	48	57	45	55	67	73	3,015	4,015
Barley	BU	27	29	24	----	80	----	1,920	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	14	15	2.86	----	40	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	5	----	3.90	----	20	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	9	----	2.20	----	20	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	3.0	----	2.1	----	240	----	504	----
United States								1,000,000	
Corn	ACR	78,327	90,454	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	70,648	----	149	----	10,535	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6,477	----	16	----	105	----
Soybeans	BU	75,522	67,140	74,602	----	43	----	3,188	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,575	44,505	31,117	37,172	42	44	1,298	1,616
Barley	BU	3,452	3,703	2,951	----	61	----	180	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	60,807	63,056	2.33	----	142	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	21,384	----	3.35	----	72	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	39,423	----	1.78	----	70	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9,843	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.06	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	58.4	----	54.3	----	338	----	18.4	----

1/ Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.